

# MINIMUM RATE TO BE ABOLISHED

**Gas and Electric Consumers Will Pay  
For Exactly What They Use  
And no More.**

**Public Service Corporations Must Obey  
Law and Cease Favoring Persons  
With a "Pull".**

PHOENIX, Dec. 20.—Resolutions requiring all public service corporations to cease charging minimum rates and discriminatory rates were introduced by Corporation Commissioner F. A. Jones at a meeting of the commission this afternoon.

If these resolutions are adopted, every public service corporation in the state will be affected. No one will be required to pay for more gas or electricity than he uses and no one will receive a lower rate, because of his political or other influence, than is charged the public.

The first resolution requires the public service corporations to comply with section 7, chapter 52 of the session laws of the first Arizona legislature. This statute makes it unlawful for any company to charge for gas and electricity except on the basis of the amount used. In other words, there can be no minimum charge. In some cities of the state the minimum rate for electricity is \$2 a month. Practically all the companies have minimum rates.

Resolution No. 2 calls on the companies to submit amended schedules of rates, eliminating all discriminations. One man must pay as much as another.

Numerous instances of discrimination have come to the attention of the commission, especially in Phoenix and Tucson. In Tucson some residences are being supplied with

electricity at the rate of 4 cents a kilowatt hour, while the regular rate is 20 cents. Several Phoenix business houses are paying much less for gas and electricity than others. Formerly there was discrimination in telephone rates, but they have been largely eliminated by the Mountain States Company.

General order No. 1 of the corporation commission, issued February 14, 1912, approved all public service rates then in effect. This was a matter of form, to prevent trouble until the commission could inquire into the rates. It did not take them long to learn that many of the rates were discriminatory. The Pacific Gas & Electric company hearing in this city, and the Tucson Gas & Electric company hearing in the Old Pueblo, brought out many instances of discrimination.

If an order cutting out minimum rates is issued it will not affect water works owned by cities, as the corporation commission has no jurisdiction over municipalities.

The adoption of the other resolution will have far-reaching effect and probably make a number of extended hearings necessary. The companies will have to submit to the corporation commission their present schedules, showing what all their customers pay. Then the question of whether the minimum or maximum rates shall be ordered in by the commission will come up.

## USE OF PARCELS POST MEANS MONEY SAVED.

Here is a new and delightful pastime. It is figuring how much money you will save after January 1, when the parcels post rates go into effect. In order to play this game you have to have the parcels post zone map and the parcels post guide. These are kept by the postoffice, and are not for public circulation. The postoffice will tell you the new rate on any number of pounds to any postoffice in the United States and by figuring with the old fourth class matter rate of one cent per ounce, you can determine how much money congress has saved you.

If you want to send a book to a friend in the city and the book weighs a pound, the postage will be five cents. It would cost 16 cents at present. Eleven cents ahead of the game!

If you want to send a pound of cactus candy to a friend in New York city the postage will be 12 cents. You save only four cents over the present rate.

If you are dispatching a birthday present, weighing a pound, to a friend in Phoenix, it costs six cents. Six from 16 cents is a dime to the good.

If you have crocheted a sweater for a friend in San Diego and it weighs a pound, it will cost eight cents. If you order a pair of over-shoes in Los Angeles, one pound, the postage will be eight cents. In each case you split the present rate in half.

Maybe Cousin Elizabeth forgot some things when she returned to El Paso, after visiting here. The bundle weighs five pounds. The postage will be 27 cents. Under the present rate it is 80 cents.

You want to send some mineral specimens to St. Louis. They weigh 11 pounds, the limit under the law. Under the present law, you are limited to four pounds. You will have to buy a dollar's worth of parcel postage stamps. Sent in separate parcels under the fourth class rate, it would cost \$1.76. You can have a table-de-hote dinner on the difference and get a piece of chewing gum out of a slot machine.

Under the parcels post law, each postoffice is the center of eight

zones. The postage increases for each zone and for each pound. The highest charge is \$1.32 for 11 pounds to points in the eighth zone, such as New York city. Parcels weighing four ounces or less are charged at one cent an ounce or fraction thereof, regardless of distance.

The first rate is a local rate, to points within the same city. The first zone has a radius of 50 miles. The parcels post rates now in force to foreign countries will continue and the limit will remain at 11 pounds.

The rate of postage under the present fourth class matter classification is one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof.

## FERGUSON VALLEY CLAIMS THE RECORD

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Acresage to be considered, Ferguson Valley holds the record for production in potatoes, beans and corn, was the emphatic statement made yesterday by E. W. Stephens, the well known farmer who is in the city.

He states that the fertility of the soil is the reason for the bountiful yields, which in tonnage per acre exceeds that of any other section of the county, according to returns received from practically all farming communities.

Mr. Stephens also says that the yield of potatoes on his farm would reach at least two carloads, and he challenged any other section in the county to show a similar return, taking into consideration the amount of land tilled. Beans likewise have thrived and he estimates the yield at over six tons. Another interesting fact not generally known is that at the ranch of James Davis, this farmer has sold during the past month over three hundred head of corn-fed hogs, which have netted \$15 per head. Mr. Davis has the recognized banner crop of corn for the year, which is being used for hog fattening purposes exclusively, hence the lively demand for this prime article of food.

The heavy production of the valley is due to the sub-irrigation of the lands, it being only a few feet from the surface to water.

## JUDGE R. TALBOT WINS CASE AT SELIGMAN

**Acquits Client Who Was  
Charged With Passing  
Bad Checks**

SELIGMAN, Dec. 17.—T. C. Snider is loading today at Yampai station his entire grading outfit, together with all stock, en route to Clarkdale. Mr. Snider has secured a large contract upon the new railroad leading from the smelter town to the United Verde mine. John Trenbert accompanies Mr. Snider to Jerome.

Henry Shucking and family returned yesterday from an extended pleasure trip to Southern California.

C. C. Hutchinson is here making preparations for moving his many bands of sheep, now on the ranges here, southward, as shearing will soon commence at Cordes, Congress Junction and Hot Springs Junction. Mr. Hutchinson predicts a very satisfactory price for wool, as also an extraordinary heavy clip.

H. Hays, the lineman, is here from Los Angeles, Cal., making all needed repairs upon the Santa Fe line between Ash Fork and Kingman.

Ramon Castraras of the George Miller cattle ranch, 25 miles southwest of here is in town for a few days on a business trip.

Wm. Doran, an old-time employee of the Santa Fe system at this place returned yesterday from his old home in New Mexico. During his annual vacation Mr. Doran visited most of the cities of the Middle West, including St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Denver.

W. H. Deney, and son, Clarence Deney, from the Horse Shoe Ranch, 35 miles southwest of here, arrived in town yesterday. Mr. Deney, Sr., leaves today for Oakland, Cal., to be absent during the holidays on a visit to his wife and daughters. He will return to his ranch within six weeks.

Mike Lobbeck, an employee of the steam shovel company at Mile Post No. 21 was arrested yesterday upon a serious charge of obtaining money upon checks, on which the payment had been stopped. The trial drew a large number of men from the surrounding camps. Judge Richard P. Talbot of Prescott, was here to represent Mr. Lobbeck while Assistant District Attorney Morgan represented the State. After the usual amount of legal talent displayed on each side, and upon motion of Judge Talbot, the defendant was discharged by Justice of the Peace Nail for lack of evidence to convict.

Two cars of chickens from Kansas to Southern California passed through here today. Each car was an eight-decker, 128 crates of four dozen per crate—a total of 5,944 fowls per car.

The jewelry store at the Needles was recently burglarized and much valuable property was stolen. Deputy Frank Burnell of this place located part of the stolen goods in this town. He took it in charge and restored it to the original owners.

Miss Mary Cochran, formerly of the Harvey House, gave a farewell party to her many friends at her home on Thursday eve. She will leave within a few days for her old home in Kansas, where she will remain indefinitely. A large number of her old-time friends and acquaintances were present at the farewell banquet. Miss Cochran was ably assisted in entertaining her guests by her old-time friend and colleague Miss Gussie Duncan of the Hotel Shuckhart.

Walter DeLiere of the Johnson and DeLiere mining property near Hackberry was in town for only a few hours today. Mr. DeLiere returned on No. 7 to his property. He reports all mining properties are working with good results on his and adjoining properties.

## MANY MINERS WORKING.

(From Friday's Daily.)

T. J. Laird, who was in the city yesterday from Groom Creek, reports many miners at work, incidental to performing annual assessment work, but a noticeable fact prevails also that more owners are developing than at this time last year. Several mines are producing and shipping to Humboldt to be made.

## City News

....In Brief

(From Thursday's Daily.)

### Outside Visitor.

A. W. Leard, of Stoddard, is in the city on a pleasure and business trip for a few days.

### Visiting Friends.

Mrs. W. B. Storm, of Williamson Valley, is in the city visiting with friends for the week.

### From the Range.

R. W. Ainsworth, the cattleman of the Juniper country, was in the city yesterday on business.

### Visiting Friends.

Mrs. Charles Evans, of Kirkland Valley, is in the city to visit with friends and is at the Prescott Hotel.

### From the Mines.

A. Oechsler, with the Federal Mining Company on Cherry Creek, was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

### Home From Coast.

Mrs. J. D. Bethune and children returned yesterday from a month's visit in Los Angeles with relatives and friends.

### Visiting Old Home.

Mrs. William Holliday was an arrival yesterday from Jerome, to visit for several days with friends at her former home.

### Business Trip.

L. J. Hasselhoff, the merchant of Kirkland, was a business visitor to the city yesterday, and reports mining as reviving in that field.

### Country Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Perkins, of Perkinsville, on the Verde, are in the city on a business trip and are stopping at the St. Michael.

### Returns to Camp.

William Linden left for his mining camp on the Santa Maria Tuesday, to resume development on his group of gold mines for the winter.

### On Business.

John Bentley, the lumber merchant of Dewey, is in the city on business matters and is at the Prescott hotel for the rest of the week.

### To the Mines.

John L. Leavell, who is operating mines in the Mineral Point district, returned to his camp yesterday after a brief business trip to the city.

### Pioneer Visitor.

Andrew Jackson, one of the pioneer residents and a mine owner of the Bradshaw mountains, is paying the city his first visit in many years.

### From Main Line.

W. J. Wolverton, with the Santa Fe Pacific at Pineville station, was an arrival in the city yesterday on fraternal matters, and returned home last night.

### Renewing Old Times.

"Bill" Graham, familiarly known to all old-time residents, is in the city for a few days from Ash Fork, where he is engaged in business, and will mingle with friends for a few days.

### From Main Line.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Speidel, the former conductor on the S. F. P. & P. railway out of this city, several months ago, are in the city from Winslow to visit their many friends for several days.

### Outside Visitors.

Mrs. Ed. Mahurin and daughter, Miss Etta Mahurin, are in the city from Jerome Junction visiting with friends. They are preparing to leave for Colorado, where they will make their future home.

### Limestone Mines Sold.

J. Schrim and seven associates have sold their four limestone mines near Nelson to the Grand Canyon Lime and Cement Company, the deed being filed yesterday for a nominal consideration.

### To the Desert.

C. H. Melvin has left for the Ehrenberg country, on the Colorado, where he goes to placer mine for the winter. Mrs. Melvin remains in the city for the winter, returning recently from Tennessee.

### Outside Arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Marlowe, of Walnut Creek, the former forest ranger of that division, were visitors to the city yesterday in their automobiles. W. S. Johnson, of the same locality, was also here on business matters.

### Returns to Mexico.

Howard Bledsoe, of Mohave county, is in the city en route to Sonora, Mexico, where he was with a California land reclamation project on the Yaqui river when the revolution broke out. The company has resumed operations.

### Change of Climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Williams left Monday for San Bernardino, where the latter seeks a change of climate for the winter, for her health. She is recovering from a recent serious illness. Mr. Williams

returns in a few days.

### Returns to Locate.

B. M. Muller, after a pilgrimage that took him to Nicaragua, Central America, returned Monday, and will locate in the county. He left for Clarkdale, where he will be employed in smelter construction for the United Verde company. He left here over three years ago.

### Visiting Old Home.

Clarence Flammer, of Los Angeles, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the holidays with his father, George Flammer, of McCabe, the home of his boyhood. He was accompanied by Harold B. Smith, who comes for a few weeks trip of recreation at the mines.

### To the Oil Fields.

C. G. Jones, president of the Tempe National bank, and president of the Tempe-Verde Oil Company, arrived in the city Tuesday night and left yesterday for the Middle Verde Valley, where his firm is drilling well number two. He will remain in the field for several days.

### Children Taken Away.

Prof. Gunnett, superintendent of the California Orphans Home, left for Los Angeles yesterday, taking away two little girls and two little boys, whose mother is unable to provide for them. The scene at the depot was a pathetic one in the parting of the mother and her loved ones.

### On Mining Business.

Col. L. W. Getchell, of the Cash mines, left last night for Boston, on a two weeks' trip on important matters affecting the future of that property. He will also visit with his mother in Canada before returning home. During his absence the Cash mine will be continued in operation.

### Lively Country.

Martin Schuber, the mine owner of Copper Basin, was in the city yesterday and reports that field as passing through an era which indicates lively times for the coming year. Every claim owner is energetically at work perfecting title, and many operators are looking for investments. The incentive is the good showing of the Commercial, and what limited development on other claims demonstrates in copper mining possibilities.

(From Friday's Daily.)

### From the Range.

Herbert Cook, farmer and stockman of the Kirkland country, was a visitor with friends and relatives in the city yesterday.

### Business Trip.

Grover Lessard, the young farmer and cattleman of the Stoddard country, is in the city on a business and pleasure trip for the rest of the week.

### From the Mines.

George E. Goerner, who is making determinations on mines in the lower Turkey Creek field, arrived from his camp yesterday, on a business trip. With a favorable outcome quite a heavy transaction will follow.

### Returns Home.

R. A. Evans, who is one of the owners of the large cattle and range interests recently purchased from the J. W. Sullivan Company in the Seligman section, returned to his home in Muskogee, Oklahoma, yesterday. He had been looking over his holdings for the past two weeks, and was accompanied as far as Ash Fork by his associate F. A. Reid, who is personally in charge as manager. Mr. Evans is heavily interested in lands in the above state. He contemplates making Prescott his home, bringing his wife and family.

### From the Farm.

Henry Clay, the farmer of the Agua Fria Valley, was a business visitor to the city Thursday.

### Visited the Coast.

Mrs. B. M. Belcher returned yesterday from a visit with friends in Los Angeles for the past two weeks.

### Outside Visitor.

Louis Gruwell, farmer and stock grower of the Big Bug country, was a visitor to the city yesterday on business.

### Outside Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nichols, of Thompson valley, are in the city for a few days visiting with friends and shopping for the holiday season.

### From the Range.

James Allen, the pioneer resident and stockman of Cherry Creek, was in the city yesterday visiting with friends and transacting business.

### From the Range.

Charles and Arthur King, cattlemen of the Big Chino Valley country are visiting the city for a few days on business and pleasure.

### Business Trip.

Johnny Brannen left yesterday for Jerome Junction to take charge of the hotel for the next month, during the absence of the proprietor.

### Mining Business.

S. C. Wynkoop, owner of a group of mines in Copper Basin district,

arrived from Phoenix and left yesterday for his camp to resume development.

### Returns From South.

John Krakenbuhl, well known throughout the state as a mine hoisting engineer, returned yesterday from Bisbee and is en route to Mohave county to remain.

### Inspecting Property.

George Harbauer has gone to the Walker district, to inspect his mines, receiving word that a strike of high grade gold ore had been made a few days ago.

### Leave for South.

Mrs. J. W. Stewart and mother, Mrs. J. S. Cook left yesterday for Tucson, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. M. C. Weaver, daughter of the latter.

### Takes Water Cure.

Elmer Boyd, janitor of the Lawler block, left yesterday for Agua Caliente Springs, to take the water cure for inflammatory rheumatism. He will be away for the next month.

### Joins Husband.

Mrs. Geo. H. Schuerman has gone to Agua Caliente Hot Springs, joining her husband who is under treatment for rheumatic trouble. His condition is reported to be improving.

### Returns to City.

Rev. C. W. Deming, pastor of the Methodist church of Kingman, returned yesterday, after a week's visit to his farm in the Point of Rocks, which he is cultivating and later will occupy as a home.

### Running Full Blast.

William Bright, contracting carpenter, who has returned from the Puntney Lime Works, reports that undertaking as having nearly 100 men employed, and the installing of another kiln is completed.

### Resumes Farming.

Archie Vannoy was in the city Thursday from Skull Valley. He is again devoting his time exclusively to dry farming, having resigned as section foreman of the S. F. P. & P. railway at that point.

### Returns From East.

C. D. Cuthbert after a six months absence visiting with parents near Knoxville, Tennessee, returned on Thursday, and will leave Monday for the Castle Creek country for the winter, for the benefit of his health.

### To the Pacific.

General Manager DeCamp of the Pacific Copper Mining Company, returned to the camp on Thursday, accompanied by A. B. Kelly, son of the president of the company, the latter to make an inspection of recent development for several days.

### Smelter City Visitor.

George Demaine, assayer and metallurgist of the Consolidated at Humboldt, as well as the ore agent of the Swansea Consolidated, was in the city yesterday on business. He gives a good report of conditions prevailing at that center.

### Mind Gives Way.

Dan Bowen, one of the well known pioneer residents of Mayer, was brought to the city yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Thompson, on the charge of being insane, and will have an examination today in the superior court by the Insane Commissioners.

### Brief Visitor.

Henry Martin, manager of the Williamson Valley Cattle and Land Company, was a brief visitor to the city yesterday, and gives the customary report of farmers reclaiming many additional acres of land, and the biggest crops ever known during the year.

### Visiting the Verde.

Mrs. Ed. Mahurin and daughter, Miss Etta Mahurin, left yesterday for Cottonwood, on the Upper Verde, where they will visit with relatives and friends for several weeks. They leave early in the coming year for Colorado, where they will make their future home.

## BELOVED WOMAN DIES AT SAN DIEGO.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Advices yesterday from San Diego, Cal., brought the sad news of the death of Mrs. Emil Rautman, after a protracted illness. Mr. Rautman was summoned two weeks ago to pass the holidays with his wife, whose illness was not then believed to be serious. The end came unexpectedly, and a few hours before she was to have submitted to an operation.

The death of Mrs. Rautman will be learned of with the deepest sorrow by many in this city. Until a few years ago she resided on South Mt. Vernon avenue with her husband and daughter, Mrs. Charles Motz, and enjoyed the esteem of all for her charming personality and amiable manners. Mr. Rautman is operating mines in the Senator country, and his return will be deferred several weeks owing to his deep bereavement. The sympathy of many in this city is extended to the husband and daughter in their inconsolable affliction.